

**MINUTES OF RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING  
OF  
9 APRIL 1997**

At 5:00 P.M., prior to the Restoration Advisory Board meeting, Mr. Jim Edmond, Environmental Coordinator at NASJRB Willow Grove, and Mr. Charanjit Gill of the Air Force Reserve 913th SPTG/CEV, conducted a tour of the Installation Restoration sites for members of the RAB and press.

After the tour, Mr. Edmond opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and then went over the agenda for the evening's meeting.

The first agenda topic was a presentation by Mr. Steve Sorgen of the Naval Environmental Health Center (NEHC), Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Sorgen spoke on Toxicity Assessments.

After Mr. Sorgen's presentation the meeting was adjourned for a break.

The second agenda topic was the update on the Air Force's remediation efforts at their Wash Rack Area and the Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants (POL) sites. Mr. Charanjit Gill (913 SPTG/CEV) gave an overview of the progress that the Air Force and their contractor have made in the last 3 months (see enclosure 1). Recently the Air Force has completed a Light Non Aqueous Phase liquid (LNAPL) characterization study at the POL site. The characterization study included installation of 53 soil borings and temporary PVC well points. A preliminary characterization report, completed by the Air force contractor, Montgomery Watson, revealed the presence of contamination levels above the maximum contaminant level (MCL) at this site, .04 to 1.15 feet of free product was found at various other wells, and in some of the existing PVC well points. Based on the LNAPL study results, it is recommended to use the Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system plus a ground water extraction. Enclosure #1 explains the system in more detail. The Air Force was developing a statement of work to accomplish the actions recommended by the study. Mr. Gill stated that at the Washrack site, the Air Force was planning to have a Source Identification Study completed during this fiscal year. Negotiations have been completed and the contractor will begin the field work during the summer.

The third agenda item was updating the Navy's Phase II Remedial Investigation (RI) work. Mr. Jim Colter, the Remedial Program Manager (NAVFAC Northern Division) stated that the contractor was proceeding with the work plan, even though the Phase II RI Work Plan is not yet finalized. The reason why the Phase II RI has not been finalized is that the discussions with EPA regarding their comments, have taken a little longer than previously thought. If the Navy did not precede with the work this spring, they would have had to demobilize the drillers. He went on to state that Brown & Root and the drillers have already drilled a number of wells, and have taken soil and

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groundwater samples. The work would continue through the summer with the analytical data being available at the next RAB meeting.

The next agenda item was an update of the progress made to the Navy Fuel Farm, site NAS 10. Mr. Colter stated that he had negotiated the contract with EA Engineering, the fuel farm remediation contractor, and that the contract had been signed that day. It will include new monitoring wells and soil characterization that will be used to justify the Navy's recommendation to remove this site from CERCLA and into the PaDEP Underground Storage Tank program. Mr. Colter said that at NASJRB Willow Grove's request, additional wells will be installed near the Tinius Olsen property. This is to insure that no contamination is migrating onto the air station from that area. RAB member Barbara Curtis questioned Mr. Colter about sampling on General Instrument Corp. property. Mr. Colter stated he was in a catch-22 situation because in order to survey the well sights, the surveyors needed a signed agreement for access to the property. General Instrument would not sign the agreement for access to the property, so no surveying could be done. He went on to state that a solution was being worked out by the Navy, EPA, and General Instrument. It is possible that testing will be completed by late summer.

Finally Mr. Colter stated that the Community Relations Plan was nearly complete with a copy being sent to the EPA this week. RAB members will receive their copy shortly thereafter.

Next, Mr. Bill Hudson, the EPA Region III Community Relations Coordinator, gave a short presentation on the availability of Technical Assistance for Public Participants (TAPP)/Technical Assistance Grants (TAG). He explained that RABs were eligible for TAGs to be used for hiring consultants to better explain existing documents. He continued by saying that the money could not be used to initiate new studies, only to interpret existing ones. He explained how to apply, who to talk to for assistance, and he left brochures that outlined the entire program.

The final agenda topic was a date for the next RAB meeting. Mr. Edmond noted that the RAB would be losing the present military co-chairperson, NASJRB Executive Officer, CDR. Robert Filler, due to his impending transfer. Due to this, and to wait until the analytical data from the Navy Phase II RI is complete, it was decided that the next RAB meeting will be held 10 Sept 1997 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Willow Grove Air Station in the Air Force Commander's Room.

The following individuals were in attendance:

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